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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Phillip W. Berman; Laurence A. Lasky

Application No.: **08/459141**

Filed: **6/2/1995**

For: **Vaccine Based On Membrane Bound
Proteins And Process For Making Them**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 11, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following document(s) is/are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for one month.

Please amend the specification and claims as follows.

In the Title:

Amend the title to read: Immunogenic Composition Based on a Truncated Derivative of a Membrane Bound Protein and Process for Making It

In the Claims:

Cancel Claim 9 without prejudice.

Amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s):

1. An immunogenic composition comprising a truncated, membrane-free derivative of a polypeptide comprising a membrane-binding domain and antigenic determinants

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